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SUBJ: AGRIBUSINESS

REF: KINGSTON 1076

1. UNDERSTANDING WITH JIDC ESTABLISHED DURING RECENT KINGSTON SESSION THAT MINISTER PATTERSON'S NEW YORK VISIT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED TO ATTRACT AS SIGNIFICATNA GROUP OF US AGRIBUSINESS EXECUTIVES AS POSSIBLE, ONES WITH POTENTIAL INTEREST IN JOINT VENTURE INVESTMENT IN J'S AGRIBUSINESS POTENTIAL. TO DO THIS REQUIRES SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME (AS STATED TO THEM, AT LEAST THREE WEEKSL, AND SOME MATERIALS PULLED TOGETHER ON SPECIFIC PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES. ON LEAVING JIDC, THE COUNCIL-LAAD-OPIC GROUP RECEIVED SOME GENERAL MATERIALS AND SOME ON RICE AND CITRUS. PROMISED, FOR PROMPT DELIVER BY MAIL, WERE MATERIALS ON OTHER PROJECTS, NOTABLY CATTLE, WHICH HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED. HENCE MID-APRIL DATE NO LONGER FEASIBLE.

2. FRANKLY, THE US TEAM EXPECTED THAT SUCH SPECIFICITY, IN THE FORM OF WRITTEN SUMMARIES AT LEAST, WOULD BE DISPLAYED IN RECENT KINGSTON SESSION. SESSION WAS NEVERTHELESS PRODUCTIVE; BUT US PRIVATE-PUBLIC TEAM IS NOT IN A POSITION TO APPROACH POTENTIAL U.S. INVESTORS WITHOUT MORE QUOTE HARD UNQUOTE AND BETTER ORGANIZED INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS.

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3. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL IS TO BE THE HOST OF THE PLANNED NEW YORK FORUM FOR MINISTER PATTERSON, ALTHOUGH OPIC AND LAAD WILL WORK WITH THE COUNCIL TO TRY TO ASSURE AN AUDIENCE WHICH REFLECTS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS HIGH OFFICE.

4. CONCERNING THE PROPOSED OPIC BROCHURE ON INVESTMENT IN JAMAICA, TEXT IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE READY FOR REVIEW BY SEVERAL OPIC OFFICERS AND SUBSEQUENT GOJ CLEARANCE. EMBASSY MAY KNOW THAT JIDC HAS DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE COSTS.

5. COUNCIL TO CALL WHITING AS REQUESTED. KISSINGER

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